

III. REMARKS

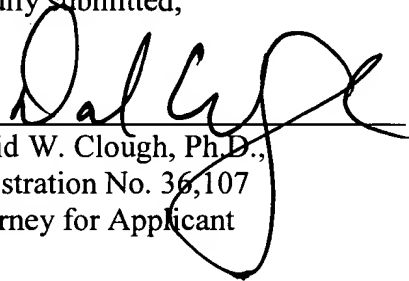
Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 44, 46-48, and 51-52 will be pending in the application. The amendments are fully supported by the instant specification and do not introduce new matter. Support for the material added to claim 44 is found, *inter alia*, in Example 38 of the specification. Claim 46 has merely been amended to correct its dependency.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment is fully responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed September 18, 2000 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Should the Examiner determine that this reply is insufficient, the Applicant respectfully requests prompt notification, so that any error or omission may be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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